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1. On 15 March 1950 WU hsing (吳星), a Ia T'ien Erh* leader from P'ing Ch'ung (滄涌) in eastern Chungshan hsien, arrived in Macao with ten followers. In April, WU was staying with a friend on the ground floor of 9 Yeh Mu Ch'ien (夜母前街) Street. He and his followers were collecting money, in the name of the Min Sheng (民生) Company, from river boats at Chau Chou T'ou (竹洲頭), near Ch'ien Shan (113-32, 22-14) on the inlet west of Macao. The area of activity of the group these men represent is from P'ing Ch'ung to Chau Chou T'ou. The organization, which consists of 100 men with 5 or 6 machine guns, is under the leadership of WU Ch'uan (吳全). Before coming to Macao, the men who accompanied WU hsing were engaged in carrying information between the field group and the Macao leader, traveling as smugglers on wood rafts between Macao and P'ing Ch'ung.
2. In early April 1950 river boats calling at Macao were receiving threatening letters, demanding money, signed by HO Feng (何峰) and CHOU Ch'un (周群), director and deputy director respectively of the Ssu I Ch'ing Lien She (四邑青聯社)** The letters instructed the recipients to deliver the money to the offices of the various Ch'ing Lien She in Macao.
3. River boats in Macao have received notices asking for contributions of foodstuffs for the 3 Army of the Kwangtung Provincial Anti-Communist National Salvation Army***, signed by HUANG Chao (黃朝), commander of the 6 Regiment, 3 Army, Kwangtung Provincial Anti-Communist National Salvation Army**** HUANG has an office, known as the Hung Chi (鴻記) Company, on the ground floor of the T'ai An (泰安) Hotel, Hai Pang (海傍) Street, Macao, which is used as a center for the collection of money from various shipping companies. In early April, HUANG Chao, who is also known as HUANG Hien (黃年), was appointed to command a regiment in the 9 Division, 3 Army, Anti-Communist National Salvation Army. He is a native of Niu Wan (牛灣) in Hsinhui hsien. In Macao, HUANG resides at the Wuchow hotel.

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4. On 7 April 1950 Li Chiu (李九), an officer of the Chiu Lung (九龍) Company of the 5th district of Chungshan Isien, arrived in Macao and began demanding protection fees from shipping firms. The same activity was also being carried on by FU Lus-shan (傅華山), also known as Fu Ch'ing-lung (傅青龍), who also arrived in Macao on 7 April 1950.
5. On 28 March 1950 more than forty armed men, part of the forces of the Chinese Nationalist Ministry of National Defense, raided a Communist grain boat at Pai Sha Lan (白沙蘭), opposite Malau Chau, an island about ten miles southwest of Macao, and took more than forty piculs of grain.
6. In early April 1950 the following vessels were plying between Canton and Shihchi: SS CHUNG SHAN (中山), SS HSING CHI (興記), and SS HSIN HUA ISING (新華興). The SS HAI YEN, which formerly ran between Shihchi and Hongmoon, had suspended operations.

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